

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 513

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A RESOLUTION to recognize H. Dean Stone on the occasion of his retirement as editor of *The Daily Times*.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, H. Dean Stone is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as a journalist for *The Daily Times* in Blount County and has recently taken his much-deserved retirement from that esteemed position; and

WHEREAS, a sixty-six-year veteran of journalism, Dean Stone demonstrated a keen mind and strong work ethic as editor for *The Daily Times*, directing the overall editorial planning, development, and operation of the newspaper with acumen and alacrity, winning the trust and respect of the greater Blount County community and earning the honorary title of *editor emeritus*; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Blount County, Dean Stone was instilled with a deep appreciation for his county's community and history. While working in his father's modest grocery store, he developed a resolute passion for hard work; and

WHEREAS, Dean Stone began his career in journalism in 1949, serving what was then *The Maryville-Alcoa Daily Times* as the editor of the Sunday edition, but he was quickly promoted to managing editor within months of joining; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone's extensive historical knowledge, writings, and photographs of Blount County have bolstered his career and helped preserve the newspaper's local identity and appeal despite shifts in the paper's ownership over the years; and

WHEREAS, since Dean Stone's promotion to editor-in-chief in 1988, his management of *The Daily Times* has earned the newspaper hundreds of state and regional awards over the decades, including the University of Tennessee's State Press award for Public Service; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected and admired expert in community journalism, Mr. Stone has twice served as president of the Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors, is a lifelong member of the Society of Professional Journalists, a fifty-year member of the Professional Photographers of America, and author of a newspaper handbook, "Newspapers: Making the Most of the News Department"; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Dean Stone has held leadership positions in many nonprofit organizations throughout his lifetime, including president and campaign chair of United Way of Blount County; president of Maryville-Alcoa Jaycees and Alcoa Kiwanis; board member of Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center, Little River Railroad Museum, Sam Houston Schoolhouse, Hillbilly Homecoming, Passion Play, Friendsville Academy, and Townsend Chamber of Commerce; and deacon in Maryville First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone has utilized his exceptional experience in community volunteerism to cofound two community organizations: the Empty Pantry Fund and Leadership Blount; and

WHEREAS, a longtime chairman of the Tennessee Great Smoky Mountains Park Commission, member of the Tennessee Historical Commission, and member of the Southeastern Regional Council of the National Parks Conservation Association, he was presented with the Tennessee Outstanding Achievement Award for service on state commissions and recognized by the Senate and House of Representatives of this State in a joint resolution for his dedication to community service; and

WHEREAS, Dean Stone has earned various other awards for journalism and contributions to his community, including the 2002 Community Leadership Award from his community organization, Leadership Blount; the Blount County's Pride of Tennessee Award; the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Oklahoma; special recognition from the

director of National Park Service; East Tennessee Historical Society's first Professional Achievement Award for his ongoing preservation of local history; the Tennessee Air National Guard's highest award, the Minuteman Award; and induction into the Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame in 2013; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dean Stone has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the outstanding career of H. Dean Stone and extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.